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PRESS RELEASE FROM COMMUNITY WELFARE MINISTER, MR. KING.DELINQUENCY SURVEY.

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The Criminology Research Council's survey into juvenile delinquency in South Australia could lead to improved ways of dealing with young offenders, the Community Welfare Minister, Mr. King, said today.

The Criminology Research Council has approved a pilot study to be carried out in South Australia and in two other states, prior to the establishment of a nation-wide survey into juvenile delinquency.

The study will take the form of a sociological analysis of young offenders appearing before Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Aid Panels in South Australia 1972-73. It will be based on information continually collected since July 1973 on all such juveniles.

This will be the second phase of an ongoing study and the Council is providing \$13,200 for this phase.

The South Australian project was commenced in July 1973 with the establishment of a data collection to record, for the first time, details of all juvenile offenders in the state and now that the Council has made funds available, the second phase, the analysis of the sociological characteristics of these young offenders can go ahead, Mr. King said.

Similar information on all young offenders in South Australia will be recorded continuously in the future to provide the necessary information for the assessment and evaluation of the juvenile justice system and this should form a major contribution to the Criminology Research Council's nation-wide survey when this is commenced, Mr. King said.